

MATH 300 B, Winter 2015
Midterm II Study Problems

1. Prove that, for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $x^2 - 1$ is divisible by 8, then x is odd.
2. Prove or give a counterexample for each of the following statements.
 - (a) There is a positive integer M such that, for every positive integer $n > M$, $\frac{1}{n} < 0.002$.
 - (b) For all integers a and b , if $a|b$ and $b|a$, then $a = b$ or $a = -b$.
 - (c) For all integers m and n , if $n + m$ is odd, then $n \neq m$.
3.
 - (a) Let x be an integer. Prove that if $\sqrt{2x}$ is an integer, then x is even.
 - (b) Is the converse of the statement you proved in (a) true? Prove it or give a counterexample.
 - (c) What can you conclude about $\sqrt{2x}$ if x is odd?
4.
 - (a) Suppose B is a set and \mathcal{F} is a family of sets. If $\bigcup \mathcal{F} \subseteq B$, then $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)$.
 - (b) Suppose \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are nonempty families of sets. Suppose every element of \mathcal{F} is a subset of every element of \mathcal{G} . Then $\bigcup \mathcal{F} \subseteq \bigcap \mathcal{G}$.

5. Define a relation T on the set \mathbb{R} of real numbers by

$$T = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : |x - y| < 1\}.$$

Is T an equivalence relation? (Justify your answer, of course.)

6. Define a relation R on \mathbb{Z} by

$$(x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow x - y \text{ is even.}$$

Determine whether or not R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. Is R an equivalence relation? If R is an equivalence relation, describe its equivalence classes.

7. Define a relation R on \mathbb{Z} by

$$(x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow xy \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$$

Determine whether or not R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. Is R an equivalence relation? If R is an equivalence relation, describe its equivalence classes.

8. Let A be the set of all real functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Define a relation R on A by:

$$(f, g) \in R \Leftrightarrow \text{there exists a real constant } k \text{ such that } f(x) = g(x) + k \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Prove that R is an equivalence relation.

9. Let A and B be sets. Prove that $\mathcal{P}(A \cap B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$.
10. Let $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and suppose $m > 1$. Suppose $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$.
Prove that if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$.
11. Prove that if n is an integer, then $n^2 \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 4 \pmod{8}$.